

**Table 171.—Historical summary of faculty, students, degrees, and finances in institutions of higher education: 1869–70 to 1995–96**

Item	1869–70	1879–80	1889–90	1899–1900	1909–10	1919–20	1929–30	1939–40	1949–50	1959–60	1969–70	1979–80	1989–90	1994–95	1995–96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Total institutions</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>563</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>3,688</b>	<b>3,706</b>
Total faculty <sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 5,553	<sup>3</sup> 11,522	<sup>3</sup> 15,809	23,868	36,480	48,615	82,386	146,929	246,722	380,554	<sup>4</sup> 450,000	<sup>4</sup> 675,000	<sup>5</sup> 824,220	<sup>3,5</sup> 923,000	<sup>5</sup> 931,706
Men	<sup>3</sup> 4,887	<sup>3</sup> 7,328	<sup>3</sup> 12,704	19,151	29,132	35,807	60,017	106,328	186,189	296,773	<sup>4</sup> 346,000	<sup>4</sup> 479,000	<sup>5</sup> 577,298	—	562,893
Women	<sup>3</sup> 666	<sup>3</sup> 4,194	<sup>3</sup> 3,105	4,717	7,348	12,808	22,369	40,601	60,533	83,781	<sup>4</sup> 104,000	<sup>4</sup> 196,000	<sup>5</sup> 246,922	—	368,813
Total fall enrollment <sup>6</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 52,286	<sup>3</sup> 115,817	<sup>3</sup> 156,756	237,592	<sup>3</sup> 355,213	597,880	1,100,737	1,494,203	2,659,021	3,639,847	8,004,660	11,569,899	13,538,560	14,278,790	14,261,781
Men	<sup>3</sup> 41,160	<sup>3</sup> 77,972	<sup>3</sup> 100,453	152,254	<sup>3</sup> 214,648	314,938	619,935	893,250	1,853,068	2,332,617	4,746,201	5,682,877	6,190,015	6,371,898	6,342,539
Women	<sup>3</sup> 11,126	<sup>3</sup> 37,845	<sup>3</sup> 56,303	85,338	<sup>3</sup> 140,565	282,942	480,802	600,953	805,953	1,307,230	3,258,459	5,887,022	7,348,545	7,906,892	7,919,242
Earned degrees conferred															
Associate, total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	206,023	400,910	455,102	539,691	<sup>7</sup> 555,216
Men	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	117,432	183,737	191,195	218,352	<sup>7</sup> 219,514
Women	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88,591	217,173	263,907	321,339	<sup>7</sup> 335,702
Bachelor's, <sup>8</sup> total	9,371	12,896	15,539	27,410	37,199	48,622	122,484	186,500	432,058	392,440	792,316	929,417	1,051,344	1,160,134	<sup>7</sup> 1,164,792
Men	7,993	10,411	12,857	22,173	28,762	31,980	73,615	109,546	328,841	254,063	451,097	473,611	491,696	526,131	<sup>7</sup> 522,454
Women	1,378	2,485	2,682	5,237	8,437	16,642	48,869	76,954	103,217	138,377	341,219	455,806	559,648	634,003	<sup>7</sup> 642,338
Master's, <sup>9</sup> total	0	879	1,015	1,583	2,113	4,279	14,969	26,731	58,183	74,435	208,291	298,081	324,301	397,629	<sup>7</sup> 406,301
Men	0	868	821	1,280	1,555	2,985	8,925	16,508	41,220	50,898	125,624	150,749	153,653	178,598	<sup>7</sup> 179,081
Women	0	11	194	303	558	1,294	6,044	10,223	16,963	23,537	82,667	147,332	170,648	219,031	<sup>7</sup> 227,220
First-professional, <sup>8</sup> total	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	34,918	70,131	70,988	75,800	<sup>7</sup> 76,734
Men	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	33,077	52,716	43,961	44,853	<sup>7</sup> 44,748
Women	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	1,841	17,415	27,027	30,947	<sup>7</sup> 31,986
Doctor's, total	1	54	149	382	443	615	2,299	3,290	6,420	9,829	29,866	32,615	38,371	44,446	<sup>7</sup> 44,652
Men	1	51	147	359	399	522	1,946	2,861	5,804	8,801	25,890	22,943	24,401	26,916	<sup>7</sup> 26,841
Women	0	3	2	23	44	93	353	429	616	1,028	3,976	9,672	13,970	17,530	<sup>7</sup> 17,811
Finances, in thousands															
Current-fund revenue	—	—	—	—	\$76,883	\$199,922	\$554,511	\$715,211	\$2,374,645	\$5,785,537	\$21,515,242	\$58,519,982	\$139,635,477	\$189,120,570	<sup>7</sup> \$197,973,236
Educational and general income	—	—	\$21,464	\$35,084	67,917	172,929	483,065	571,288	1,833,845	4,688,352	16,486,177	—	—	—	—
Current-fund expenditures	—	—	—	—	—	—	507,142	674,688	2,245,661	5,601,376	21,043,113	56,913,588	134,655,571	182,968,610	<sup>7</sup> 190,476,163
Educational and general expenditures	—	—	—	—	—	—	377,903	521,990	1,706,444	4,685,258	16,845,212	44,542,843	105,585,076	144,158,002	<sup>7</sup> 151,445,605
Value of physical property	—	—	95,426	253,599	457,594	747,333	2,065,049	<sup>10</sup> 2,753,780	4,799,964	13,548,548	42,093,580	83,733,387	164,635,000	212,201,113	<sup>7</sup> 220,400,104
Market value of endowment funds	—	—	<sup>11</sup> 78,788	<sup>11</sup> 194,998	<sup>11</sup> 323,661	<sup>11</sup> 569,071	<sup>11</sup> 1,372,068	<sup>11</sup> 1,686,283	<sup>11</sup> 2,601,223	<sup>11</sup> 5,322,080	11,206,632	20,743,045	67,978,726	109,706,704	<sup>7</sup> 128,837,030

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 1979–80, excludes branch campuses.  
<sup>2</sup> Total number of different individuals (not reduced to full-time equivalent). Beginning in 1959–60, data are for the first term of the academic year. Beginning in 1969–70, data include only instructional faculty with the rank of instructor or above.  
<sup>3</sup> Estimated.  
<sup>4</sup> Estimated number of senior instructional staff. Excludes graduate assistants.  
<sup>5</sup> Because of revised survey procedures, data may not be directly comparable with figures prior to 1989–90.  
<sup>6</sup> Data for 1869–70 to 1949–50 are for resident degree-credit students who enrolled at any time during the academic year.  
<sup>7</sup> Preliminary data for 4-year and 2-year degree-granting institutions that were eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs.  
<sup>8</sup> From 1869–70 to 1959–60, first-professional degrees included under bachelor's degrees.

<sup>9</sup> Figures for years prior to 1969–70 are not precisely comparable with later data.  
<sup>10</sup> Includes unexpended plant funds.  
<sup>11</sup> Book value. Includes other nonexpendable funds.  
 —Data not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Biennial Survey of Education in the United States; Education Directory, Colleges and Universities; Faculty and Other Professional Staff in Institutions of Higher Education; Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities; Earned Degrees Conferred; Financial Statistics of Institutions of Higher Education*; and Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education," "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred," and "Financial Statistics of Institutions of Higher Education" surveys; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Fall Enrollment," "Completions," and "Finance" surveys. (This table was prepared November 1998.)